

tattersalls

newsletter **november 2002**

Tradition Upheld



Photo by Peter Thiel

The fine traditions of Black Tie Boxing at Tattersall's were upheld on October 18.

The crowd of 400 Members and guests were treated to an excellent eight bout card; once again organised by the old warrior Arthur Tunstall.

In a night of outstanding talent, we have to single out Tattersall's own Justin Fitzgerald whose bout was the only one not to go the distance. Justin showed his class by winning by a TKO in the first round.

Compere Mark Warren kept the audience entertained with his lively commentary through the evening's sport and entertainment and Members and Guests were treated to the traditional Black Tie Dinner with quality wines from Wynns of Coonawarra and ale from Tooheys. The new sponsor for the evening was Durham Grates. Executive Chef Simon Flanders and his team once again providing a culinary delight to highlight the evening.

"This evening was the most popular for many years, both in numbers who attended and member feed-back," said Secretary Manager Tim Bowring. "The popularity of these events is increasing, with attendances in 2002 being the best ever."



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from the chairman

Tempus fugit - but then, of course, you knew that.

But did you know that it is exactly ten years since we moved back from the oblivion of three years in the club land wilderness into our new clubhouse following the redevelopment?

Who can forget the thrill of "coming home" to our new digs which promised so much in a new era for Tattersall's Club? Much had changed of course but, on the whole, we thought that the then Committee had done a pretty good job in preserving the style and atmosphere for which our old premises were famous.

The double height ceilings recalled the spaciousness of the old Club Bar and the Clubroom. Even the lovely front door was stripped back to its original brass finish. An elegant new silver service dining room awaited the noise, the excitement and the Andyesque style of former days.

The billiard room had been relocated adjacent to the bar with the promise that members would mix more easily with the bar, the billiard room and the Athletic Department all on the same floor. The old "second floor" bistro was recreated adjacent to an elegant committee room at the top of the imposing staircase. The Chairman even had a private office - with an en suite!

Best of all for some of us we had a sparkling new, state-of-the-art short course pool surrounded by just about the worst possible change room facilities and gymnasium - a sacrifice of sorts to the fit-out budget and the reopening deadline.

There was lots more of course. We had lost our accommodation - for some a bolt hole or a safe harbour after a big night in town, or a crook night in suburbia. And the grocery and gift shop had gone too, although not before time.

Looking back, an awful lot has changed during these last ten years. None of the features I have highlighted was left untouched. Many difficult decisions I can recall have mostly turned out pretty well. All the more so because we have had to change to meet the times while preserving

(and renewing, if you consider our stature in the sporting world) the culture of Tattersall's Club. And we have managed to survive the financial pressures brought about by the dual effect of the changes and the decline in the popularity of clubs in a much more competitive leisure and hospitality environment.

There is so much more to be done. Our new, younger membership base is growing and has special needs. Our third party function business needs more, smaller meeting and dining areas. I still want to see our entrance foyer linked to the first floor with a staircase and the office made more accessible. And so it goes on. It certainly has been an exciting journey so far!

Shortly, you will be receiving your subscription notices for 2003. Subject to all the usual uncertainties, we look as though we shall achieve a much better operating result than last year, but we really do need to improve our liquidity so that we can take advantage of the resurgence in membership and continue the improvements in all areas of the Club. The Athletic Department subscription will increase from \$770 to \$885 (or \$2 a week) to recover increased operating costs for this facility. The Ordinary Member subscription will increase from \$1,045 to \$1,100. The 2003 rates for other categories are shown in the table elsewhere in this month's newsletter.

We paused during another great night of black-tie boxing in October to remember the victims of the Bali tragedy. The haunting tones of the ringside bell slowly rang out ten times as we stood silently in a traditional boxing tribute to the loss of their own. Then we took the Club flag and the Australian flag around and raised \$5,400 from the generous crowd to send to the Red Cross Appeal. Thank you again gentlemen - and for a memorable night as always.

Russell Debney

Chairman





secretary's report

When recently preparing budget submissions for the Finance Committee, the per member House Account spend was closely studied. It is disappointing to see that the number of active Members is comparatively low.

Whilst not all Members have their place of business in the CBD and frequent the club, there are other opportunities to use our excellent facilities.

Tattersalls function rooms are well located with excellent views over Hyde Park. The standard of catering and service within the club is equal to the best in Sydney.

The Brasserie, open daily, is the chosen venue for business and casual lunches and dinners. The menu changes bimonthly and an extensive wine list is constantly upgraded.

I am always pleased to hear from Members who have ideas to extend their usage of the club and facilities.

Tim Bowring

Secretary

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Office Hours

8.30 am - 5 pm | Monday to Friday

Brasserie

7 am - 3.30 pm | Monday, Tuesday & Friday

(bar meals available in the evening)

7 am - 9.30 pm | Wednesday & Thursday

last orders in by 8.30pm

Bar and Billiard Room

Noon - 9 pm | Monday to Wednesday

Noon - 10 pm | Thursday and Friday

Athletic Department

5.30 am - 9 pm | Monday to Friday

6 am - 6 pm | Saturday

Noon - 5 pm | Sunday

directory of services

tattersalls into the year 2003

calendar of events

november

- 13th Tattersall's Cup Golf Day
- 21st - First Freshwater Fishing
- 24th Competition Snowy Mountains
- 24th Cycling Club, 8am Centennial Park

december

- 19th Chairman's Shout
- 24th Club closes down for Christmas, reopening on January 6, 2003
- 28th Chairman's Shout

january

- 1st Race Day at Randwick
- 6th Club reopens

club news

Tattersalls' swimmers success in Masters games

Peter Joseph, John de Mestre and Peter Thiel represented us at the World Masters Games in Melbourne with outstanding success.

Peter Thiel's gold in the 3km open water swim followed by bronze in the 50m and 200m freestyle in the 30-34 age group, was of particular note. Peter Joseph won bronze medals in the 50m, 100m and 200m breast stroke for the 60-64 age group.

John De Mestre was eighth in both the 100m butterfly and the 400m freestyle in the 40-44 group.

Fellow Swim Club member John Konrads was in Melbourne providing his years of experience and assistance at the meet, reinforcing Harry Turner's instructions which were received via SMS messaging.

John Greaves and John Harvey were also successful with their swims in the Aussie Masters Blacktown Carnival. 'Greavsey' getting a bronze and the younger John two golds!!

Congratulations boys, well done.



Peter Thiel with his numerous medals

Lunch with Dennis Conner

Tattersall's dining room was packed with yachties when master of ceremonies Rob Mundle introduced special guests: the legendary Dennis Conner of the Stars and Stripes America's Cup Syndicate, Tony Thomas Executive Director of Team New Zealand and Tom Schnackenberg, Team New Zealand's Syndicate Head.

As Cup holders, the Kiwis are the team to beat while Dennis's team is contesting the Lois Vuiton Cup in Auckland's Hauraki Gulf for the honour to be the challenger.

Conner and Schnackenberg had the audience fascinated as they spoke of the huge financing, the painstaking development and the mistake-free sailing necessary to be a serious America's Cup contender.

A charming Dennis Conner ("I'm just the son of a fisherman") described the new breed of America's Cup sponsors like Larry Ellison as "The Millionaires Club". Schnackenberg (described by Rob Mundle as "a man with a brain the size of a planet - but your average bloody good bloke") came to yachting from nuclear physics and made the point that for all our sophistication we still find it difficult to read the wind on sails. Thomas made a

plea for a return of Australian involvement and underlined the boost to the New Zealand economy from the event.

As usual amongst sailors, guests repaired to the bar.

The function was sponsored by Air New Zealand and immaculately produced by Off The Wall.



A relaxed Dennis Conner answers questions from the audience

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2003 Subscription Rates

| | In Full Incl GST | 2003 Quarterly Incl GST | 2003 Monthly Incl GST |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Ordinary | 1100 | 300 | 100 |
| Absentee | 255 | 70 | 25 |
| Associate | 100 | N/a | N/a |
| Country | 635 | 175 | 60 |
| Senior | 460 | 130 | 45 |
| Under 30 | 580 | 160 | 55 |
| Athletic Dept | 885 | 245 | 80 |
| AD Off-peak | 475 | 130 | 45 |

Tattersalls Club and the Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club

Tattersalls Club and the Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club in Dublin have agreed to enter into a reciprocal arrangement.

The Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club was founded in 1877 and was first called the Dublin Lawn Tennis Club with the name of the Club being changed to Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club within months of its inception. Incidentally, 1877 was the same year that the All England Lawn Tennis Club was founded and both Clubs recently celebrated 125 years in existence with a fixture at Fitzwilliam.

The club enjoys associations and reciprocal arrangements with many prestigious clubs around the world such as the All England Lawn Tennis Club, The New York Athletic Club, West Side Tennis Club (Forest Hill, New York), The Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club in Melbourne and Kelvin Grove in Capetown.

CLUB FACILITIES

Sporting

- 6 Outdoor Tennis Courts (Omni Court Pro Surface)
- 4 Indoor Tennis Courts (4 Greenset Trophy Surface)

- 6 Squash Courts
- A 19 metre swimming pool
- A fully equipped gymnasium

Social

- Formal dining room with seating for 75
- Informal dining room with seating for 75
- Two bars
- A terrace which caters for informal dining & drinks (weather permitting)
- Function room facility for 130
- A fully equipped conference room facility catering for 40 people theatre style or 20 board room arrangement

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Walking- Golf-Wine appreciation & Snooker (2 tables)

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Approximately 2,300 members, many of whom are industrial leaders and professionals form the financial, medical and legal sectors.

Fitzwilliam does not operate a credit system so all accounts must be discharged as they are incurred.

Fitzwilliam Lawn Tennis Club
Appian Way, DUBLIN

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Join the chairman on the last Thursday of each month following the committee meeting for free drinks in the members bar

Black tie boxing

- through Tattersalls member Peter Thiel's Camera



Good cigar, good beer, great night



"Do it this way"



"I can show you how to do it"



"Gee that hurt"



All smiles



Concentration



Congratulations



Reviewing the night



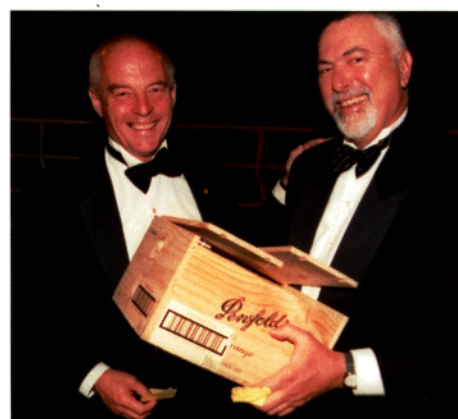
Enjoying the night



Is that a bid?



What a night!



Look who won the raffle again

sport

Month 9 saw Ian Pendleton take out the 50 metres point score, with Cesar Puertolas prevailing in the 100 metres.

Andrew Wheeler is back on the scene although we would like to see more of him in the races.

The news on Harry Turner is that he is still in there swinging and is looking very much forward to the Swimming Club's coming events. Harry joins with us to say a very big thank you to John Mohin who has left our shores to take up a position in the USA with Waterford Crystal. The Swimming Club sincerely thanks John for his tremendous contribution and support to the Tattersall's Waterford Crystal Calcutta. Racing in the Calcutta has been extremely competitive and very exciting. Those left are requested to contact their opponents as soon as possible as they may find they lose by forfeit.

Results of month 9 swimming were:

Manchester Unity Health Award - 50m

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Ian Pendleton | 40 points |
| 2. Anthony Powter | 29 points |
| 3. John McCosker | 24 points |

YTD End Month 9 - 50m

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1. Peter Thiel | 188.5 points |
| 2. R. Jagger | 186.5 points |
| 3. A. Torok | 183 points |

Brahimi Bistro Award - 100m

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|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Cesar Puertolas | 21 points |
| Ian Pendleton | |
| 3. Pat Bryant | 19 points |
| David Castle | |
| Russell Debney | |
| Andrew Torok | |

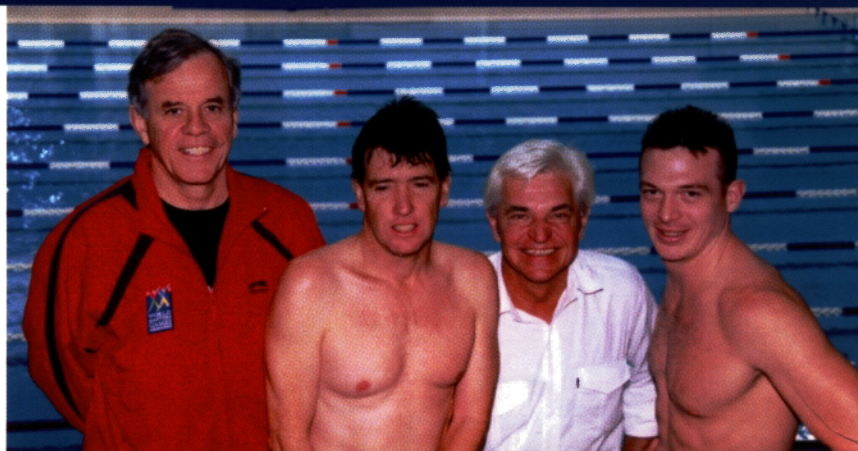
YTD End Month 9 - 100m

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| 1. Cesar Puertolas | 195 points |
| 2. P. Thiel | 177 points |
| 3. J. Greaves | 161 points |

Swimmer of the Month - Month 9

Manchester Unity Health Award.

Committee's Choice - Mark Roufeil



From left to right: Peter Joseph, John De Mestre, John Konrads & Peter Thiel at the Masters Games

Final Points in the Col Bowes Memorial Trophy:

| | |
|------------------|-----------|
| Charlie Robinson | 52 points |
| Mark Roufeil | 48 points |
| John McCosker | 36 points |

Tattersalls Waterford Crystal

Calcutta results

Round 1 Winners

| | | |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| S. Brown | J. De Mestre | S. Clyne |
| R. Jagger | T. Nolan | A. Powter |
| C. Puertolas | P. Joseph | P. Bryant |
| P. Thiel | A. Coorey | R. Glover |
| J. Herlihy | M. Ward | T. Noonan |
| R. Debney | P. Reichelt | S. O'Halloran |
| S. Storry | D. Huxtable | C. McLeod |
| R. Woodhouse | | |

Round 2 Winners

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| S. Brown | S. Clyne (bye) |
| R. Jagger | A. Powter |
| P. Joseph | P. Bryant (bye) |
| P. Thiel (bye) | R. Glover (bye) |
| A. Coorey | M. Ward |
| R. Debney (bye) | P. Reichelt (bye) |
| D. Huxtable | R. Woodhouse (bye) |

Round 3

| | | |
|----------|----------|---------|
| S. Clyne | P. Thiel | M. Ward |
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COMING EVENTS:

Championships - 21 November, 2002

Christmas Scramble - 28 November, 2002

Christmas Luncheon (preceded by

Open 400m) - 13 December, 2002

After all these months of tough knock-out competition, only four players remain in contention for the most glittering prize Tattersall's has to offer - the Handicap Snooker Champion.

Rod Morton will play Peter Twigg. Steve Paton will play Anthony Cummings. The winners going to the final. Congratulations and good luck to the four semi-finalists.

It is interesting that although they are all good players, none is a low handicapper. This once again demonstrates that every entrant has a real chance of winning the Championship, taking a lucky owner with him.

To get to the semis, Rod beat Bill Henneberry, Peter saw out John Pidcock, Steve knocked off Dennis Pidcock and Anthony defeated former champion Rod Foord.

The semis, and then the final, will undoubtedly provide exciting snooker and everyone is warmly welcomed to watch these games. Check the dates and times with Club professional Joe Minici.

Finally, we are hoping to put on an exhibition match between the current world professional billiards champion, Mike Russell of England and our own Australian billiards champion, Joe Minici, on Wednesday 20 November 2002. This will be a fabulous contest, and further details will be posted around the club.

Until next month

"Chalky"

Rugby World Cup

Tattersalls is currently negotiating with an official supplier of tickets for games during the World Cup of 2003.

It is hoped that the club will be able to purchase block bookings of tickets with a hospitality component, to certain games held in Sydney.

Expressions of interest are now being sought from Members interested in attending games during the Cup. To register your interest, please call The Secretary at The Administration Office on 9264 6111 or tim-bowring@tattersallsclub.org.

New Year's Day Races at Randwick

Once again the Tattersalls Race Day will be held at Royal Randwick on New Year's Day.

This is one of the best meetings of the racing season, and is traditionally enjoyed by club members and their guests.

The numbers for this years event are limited, therefore bookings are required to guarantee a seat at the luncheon.

Bookings are now open through Paula Castella at the Administration Office on 9264 6111.

Club News

Tattersall's Classifieds

Car Parking. STOP PRESS.

We have just been notified that there will be three car parking spaces available next year on level B2. These spaces are located close to the lifts, and it is a security building.

Please address all enquires to The Secretary.

Christmas Goodies.

This year, our catering department under the guidance of Executive Chef, Simon Flanders will be providing Members with the opportunity to purchase an exclusive range of goodies for Christmas. A selection of preserves, gourmet treats and hams will be available. Shortly a catalogue will be released detailing products and pricing.

Front Door

At times it is necessary for the Porter to leave his desk and close the front door temporarily. In an effort to minimise inconvenience to Members, a visual intercom has been installed to allow a Member seeking admission to The Club, to ring the buzzer located adjacent to the front door. This illuminates a screen in the Members Bar and upon identification, the barman will release the door to allow admission. Please ensure that the door is closed securely behind you.

Thank you.

"Tatts Men"

The close association between Tattersalls and racing is about to be revived with the acquisition of Tatts Men. By Strategic out of Celebration Star, the horse caught the eye of Tatts Member and well known trainer Anthony Cummings. A quick phone call to fellow Member Bill McNally, resulted in the purchase of the promising colt.

Tatts Men has been syndicated with six shares being snapped up by members during the past fortnight, with further shares to be issued.

"I am sure Tatts Men will help revive the interest in racing within our great club," said trainer Cummings. "I am impressed with his pre-race form and the members interest, especially from snooker players, has been very promising."



Tatts men raring to go

Dressing Down

On the Up

The Look of Success is different these days. When the man who's on top of the game walks into an up-market eating-place on a relaxed Saturday evening, he leaves his superb formally-tailored jackets at home with his CEO hang-ups.

Watch him.

Over his tie-less Bagutta shirt (note this year's higher-cut neck) he slips on Brioni's high-brow, nothing-weight, linen-and silk zipped jacket. It has a slim touch of rib-knit collar and near-invisible, zipped side-pockets. Zesty lemon or a cloudy blue. Looks costly and is. (Zegna plays a similar game in an airy cotton-mix; burnt orange or silver-beige, \$525.

The cotton pants (no waist-pleats) are Zanella's. Near white or Prussian blue or a gladiatorial red or green. That's the Chief. He's relaxed tonight.



Vince Maloney On-The-Park

Next door to Tattersall's ph. 9264 8837

QUEENSTOWN – ANY SEASON... EVERY REASON

A recent trip to Queenstown impressed me with its proximity, exhilarating range of year-round activities and gourmet delights – perfect for adventurers and leisure seekers alike.

Air New Zealand operate non stop flights to Queenstown every Saturday with a flying time of two and a half hours.

HOTELS

Plenty of options from the 5 star Millbrook Resort with a championship golf course and spa, to a range of hotels, apartments and boutique properties, many with magnificent lake or mountain views. We stayed at the Copthorne Resort – good value, near the centre of town.

RESTAURANTS

The standard is very high. We loved dinner at Tatler, the atmosphere of Roaring Megs and the Boardwalk, specialising in seafood. The Copper Club was recommended by the locals. A landmark among those who know, are the burgers from Fergburgers – open till 5 am.

ACTIVITIES

Queenstown comes into its own. Decided to give the bungy jumping a miss but for NZ\$120 you can jump from a bridge and drop into a boat a few minutes later – all on video so that family will believe the tale. The Dart River Safari features a jetboat

through the World Heritage Area where scenes from Lord of the Rings were shot, an amazing ride with breathtaking scenery taking in the Mt. Aspiring National Park.

Ski fields are close to Queenstown – Coronet Peak, The Remarkables and Cadrona. There was still plenty of snow at the Remarkables on the October long weekend.

Fishing was successful on Lake Wakatipu with the boatman providing a smoker for the trout and salmon. The vintage steamship TSS Earnslaw cruises the lake to Walter Peak, a high country farm where a barbecue or carvery dinner is offered with an entertaining shearing display.

Other suggestions include walks especially The Routeburn (apparently better than the Milford Track) and excursions to Milford Sound and Lake Te Anau.

The region has become famous for producing premium wines, particularly Pinot Noir and Pinot Gris. At Gibbston Valley there was also a cheese factory. We went to Peregrine Winery and Chard Farm with our van from “Rent a Dent”

Queenstown is a destination which delivers everything it promises... and probably much more

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We talk to Richard McGrath

Financial advisor · Rugby convert

Tell us where you started out?

I grew up in a place called Boort in the Mallee of North Western Victoria. Dad's got a farm there.

Education?

Xavier College - a sort of Melbourne Riverview, they even play rugby. I didn't play until much later.

After school, I represented a book company around Australia. I loved it for thirteen years. My territory was most of Australia. I spent 30 weeks away each year, letting me explore places like Emerald, Bourke, Mt Isa, Broken Hill and the coast. It was fantastic.

What brought you to Sydney/?

In 1991 I became a refugee from Joan Kirner and John Cain.

Sydney vs Melbourne?

They're both great towns, they have such different qualities. We're lucky they're so close together.

Favourite authors?

David Halberstram wrote a book called: "The Amateurs" about the US quad scull crew in the 1984 Olympics - he's also a reviewer and anything he likes, I like.

Also Tony Horowitz who has just released "Into the Blue" about James Cook's three voyages. A mate of mine is a sailor and accompanied Horowitz tracing Cook's footsteps. They navigated a boat through the same lagoons in Tahiti late at night - the same time as Cook did it - and said with a motorised vessel, sat nav, depth sounders and all the modern aids, they were really struggling.

Now you are an investment advisor?

When I moved to Sydney, I had some money to invest, so I did a course at the Stock Exchange and that lead me to another at the Securities Institute. I joined the GIO as a financial planner and did my Diploma of Financial Planning.

When AMP took over GIO, I was approached by Chifley Financial Services who provided support for union members. My friends said that I'd gone over to the dark side. At Chifley I was able to complete a Masters of Commerce - Financial Planning. Three months ago I set up set up a financial services company in partnership with the accounting firm of Hill Rogers.

It's a tough time to be a financial planner?

There's a lot of carnage out there. But the market has always turned around eventually. For the most part it is talking to clients and making sure that they understand what they have invested in and why. It's not all gloom, there are still possibilities.

Are there emotional as well as financial rewards in the business?

Definitely. For instance, two sisters - fourteen and sixteen year olds - walked in one day, their father had left the family ten years before and their mother did not speak English. The brother had recently been killed, they were working part-time at Woolworths and living in one of the worst streets in Campbelltown. Their future looked pretty bleak.

The girls took it on themselves to come to us. They were so young that it took me fifteen minutes to work out if I was being had, but they were serious about getting help to get out of what looked like a hopeless situation. We helped them do it and now they live a far better life. They were a remarkable pair of girls.

Sports?

My father played for Carlton and my uncle captained Melbourne, so at school it was Aussie Rules. I used to watch some friends who were rugby guys. I enjoyed rugby, but didn't understand it. I had a run and ended up playing for Melbourne Uni ending up in the second row - being an ex-Rules player, I took the kicks.

When I came to Sydney I joined Colleagues and had a ball. There are a lot of Sydney guys; guys from the bush, overseas, Queensland - it's a pretty diverse group.

I was on the Committee, then became Secretary, now I'm in my third year as President. Our secretary's father used to say that when you play rugby, you join the biggest club in the world.

Finally, what would you say to a new Tattersall's member?

Be a participant to get the most out of it.

To me the gym is one of the great drawcards. But it's going to take a long time to get back to my proper playing weight!

